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Hearings continue on Thursday, March 6.

#### 1998 AID BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for development and humanitarian assistance programs of the Agency for International Development (AID), after receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, Agency for International Development.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee began consideration of S. 295, to promote cooperation and teamwork among worker-management relations in the American labor force, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Friday, February 28.

#### 1998 SBA BUDGET

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Small Business Administration, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### 1998 VA BUDGET

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request

for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; John R. Vitikacs, American Legion, Robert E. Wallace, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, David W. Gorman, Disabled American Veterans, and John C. Bollinger, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Michael E. Naylor, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

#### 1998 INDIAN AFFAIRS AND HEALTH BUDGET

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service, after receiving testimony from Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Michael H. Trujillo, Assistant Surgeon General/Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 5.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 836–855; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 56, and H. Res. 77–80 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Journal:** By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 24, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, February 25.

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**Suspensions:** The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following bills:

*Armored Car Industry Reciprocity:* H.R. 624, to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve

the flow of interstate commerce (passed by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 416 yeas, Roll No. 25);

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*Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc.:* H.R. 497, to repeal the Federal Charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc. (passed by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 417 yeas, Roll No. 26); and

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*Airport and Airway Trust Fund:* H.R. 668, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes (passed by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 347 yeas to 73 nays, Roll No. 27; the bill was debated on Tuesday, February 25).

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 78, electing Representatives Fox of Pennsylvania,

Davis, LoBiondo, and Watts of Oklahoma to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Review Panel of the Office of Fair Employment Practices:** The order of the House of Tuesday, February 25, 1997, providing for the reconstitution of the Review Panel of the Office of Fair Employment Practices is modified as follows: Appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on House Oversight (as originally made on May 3, 1995): Representative Ehlers, Chairman, vice Representative Diaz-Balart.

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**Presidential Message—Terrorism:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the prevention of terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction—referred to the Committee on National Security.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H633.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H639, H640, H640–41, and H641. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM— USDA'S FINAL REGULATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing to review the USDA's final regulation on the Conservation Reserve Program. Testimony was heard from Dallas Smith, Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Inspector General for the Department of Justice and on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from Michael Bromwich, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and Douglas S. Eakeley,

Chairman, Board of Directors, Legal Services Corporation.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Director, NIH, on the National Cancer Institute and the National Eye Institute. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Harold Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH; Richard D. Klausner, M.D., Director, National Cancer Institute; and Carl Kupfer, M.D., Director, National Eye Institute.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on the fiscal year 1998 Defense Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Office of Inspector General, Department of the Treasury and on the Secret Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Valerie Lau, Inspector General; and Eljay B. Bowron, Director, U.S. Secret Service.

### VETERANS' AFFAIRS, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

### CREDIT UNION INDUSTRY

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on issues currently facing the